

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 16, 2001

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1626**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member ~~Pescetti~~ Members *Pescetti and Diaz***

February 23, 2001

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An act to add Article 1 (commencing with Section 32070) to Chapter 2 of Part 19 of the Education Code, relating to school safety.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1626, as amended, Pescetti. School safety.

Existing law establishes the School Violence Prevention and Response Task Force and requires the task force to perform various duties, including, among others, analyzing and evaluating current statutes and programs in the area of school-based crisis prevention and response and making appropriate policy recommendations on how to enhance state and local programs and training to adequately prepare school districts and county offices of education to meet the challenges stemming from disruptive and violent acts, or both, on or near school campuses.

This bill would establish the California Safe Alternatives and Violence Education Program (SAVE) to provide nonpunitive intervention for adolescent ~~first-time~~ *first-time* offenders, ages 10 to 17, inclusive, who have been involved in violence or weapons possession on or near a school campus. The bill would require that the program be administered ~~through the State Department of Education~~ *by the Attorney General*, subject to funding being appropriated for its purpose *in Santa Clara County, Sacramento County, and a third county to be*

*determined, as specified.* The bill would require that the program be administered in conjunction with ~~the State Attorney General,~~ local law enforcement, and school districts. *The bill would require the Attorney General to select an independent evaluator to conduct a one-time study of the pilot program, as specified.*

*The bill would appropriate \$5,100,000, according to a specified schedule, for the purpose of funding the pilot program and study.*

Vote: ~~majority~~ <sup>2/3</sup>. Appropriation: ~~no~~ yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Article 1 (commencing with Section 32070) is  
2 added to Chapter 2 of Part 19 of the Education Code, to read:

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4 Article 1. The California Safe Alternatives and Violence  
5 Education *Pilot Program*  
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7 32070. (a) There is hereby established the California Safe  
8 Alternatives and Violence Education *Pilot Program* (SAVE) to  
9 provide nonpunitive intervention for adolescent ~~first-time~~  
10 *first-time* offenders, ages 10 to 17, inclusive, who have been  
11 involved in violence or weapons possession on or near a school  
12 campus. The *pilot* program shall be administered through the ~~State~~  
13 ~~Department of Education~~ *Attorney General for a period of five*  
14 *years, subject to funding being appropriated for its purpose, in*  
15 *Santa Clara County, Sacramento County, and a third county to be*  
16 *determined by the Attorney General through an application*  
17 *process.*

18 (b) The program shall be modeled upon successful SAVE  
19 programs in San Jose and Sacramento, where recidivism among  
20 program participants was 16 percent.

21 (c) The program shall be administered in conjunction with ~~the~~  
22 ~~State Attorney General, local law enforcement,~~ *local law*  
23 *enforcement* and school districts.

24 (d) *The Attorney General shall select an independent evaluator*  
25 *to conduct a one-time study of the pilot project. The study shall*  
26 *evaluate the affect of the program on pupils of varying income*  
27 *levels and shall measure the success of the pilot program in all of*  
28 *the following areas:*

1     (1) *Reducing recidivism in violence and weapon-related*  
2 *offenses.*

3     (2) *Reducing involvement in nonviolent offenses.*

4     (3) *Increasing the rate of pupils returning to mainstream*  
5 *schools.*

6     (4) *The rate of pupils that complete high school education in*  
7 *each of the following settings:*

8         (A) *Mainstream high schools.*

9         (B) *Continuation high schools.*

10     SEC. 2. *The sum of five million one hundred thousand dollars*  
11 *(\$5,100,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the*  
12 *Attorney General according to the following schedule:*

13         (a) *Four million five hundred thousand dollars (\$4,500,000) to*  
14 *be allocated on a yearly basis, for five years, in the amount of three*  
15 *hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) each year to each of the*  
16 *three counties participating in the California Safe Alternatives*  
17 *and Violence Education Program.*

18         (b) *Six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) to perform the*  
19 *one-time study required pursuant to this act.*

